Remarks

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. It is requested that the present Amendment be entered since the present Amendment will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Examiner.

The above amendment to the specification is presented in order to make a minor editorial revision. The change made is non-substantive in nature and does not add new matter. The amendment to claim 10 is also to make a minor editorial revision, does not alter the scope of the claim, and therefore will not require any additional search or examination by the Examiner. Since the scope of the claims has not been changed, the claims remain patentable for the original reasons of allowance. The present Amendment was not submitted earlier since the necessity of the amendments was not earlier noticed.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

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